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These proposals represent significant changes to the voting process. They do nothing to secure our elections or add integrity.

H.B. No. 5702 An Act Allowing Incarcerated Individuals to Vote

H.B. No. 5714 An Act Concerning Incarcerated Individuals and Voting

OPPOSE

Prisoners gave up their right to vote when they broke the law; they forfeited their right to vote, we did not take it away. Rewarding someone who is incarcerated with voting rights is one more slap in the face to law abiding citizens while the criminal system is becoming less and less punitive. I support the restoration of voting rights after release from prison (as Connecticut provides now), but to restore a prisoners voting rights while incarcerated cheapens the sanctity of this privilege.

To the point of ballot security in prison, there is none. The hierarchy within prison would never assure that an inmate has absolute freedom to cast their vote independently, free from harassment or force.

Absentee Ballots cannot be secured and there would be no ability to provide for chain of custody.

S.J. No. 35 (Comm) Resolution Proposing a State Constitutional Amendment to Allow Individuals Who Have Attained the Age of Sixteen to Apply for Admission as Electors and to be so Admitted Upon Attaining the Age of Eighteen

OPPOSE

To allow 16 year olds to begin the registration process is adding yet another layer of confusion to our already overburdened registrars. We currently have same day registration for any newly qualified electors.

S.B. No. 389 An Act Concerning Ranked-Choice Voting

H.B. No. 5087 An Act Concerning Ranked-Choice Voting for State and Federal Offices

H.B. No. 5133 An Act Concerning Ranked-Choice Voting for Municipal Offices

H.B. No. 5701 An Act Instituting Ranked-Choice Voting for Municipal, State and Federal Elections

H.B. No. 5712 An Act Establishing a Task Force to Study Ranked Choice Voting in Certain Elections

OPPOSE

RANKED CHOICE VOTING. Why? Because the first time we voted you out wasn't good enough? Ranked choice will only lead to more confusion and disenfranchised voters. It is damaging to our elections and is not representative of the will of the voters.

H.B. No. 5704 An Act Concerning Mandatory Voting

H.B. No. 5717 An Act Concerning Universal Civic Duty Voting

OPPOSE

Nothing says 'free and fair elections' like penalizing someone for not voting. That's akin to saying all voters must speak at public hearings or face a fine. The government has no right to mandate/force any action on its citizens.